

Senate Resolution 699

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Rural Health Association and recognizing Rural Health Day; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA) is a nonprofit advocate for rural
4 health care consumers and the dedicated health professionals who serve rural Georgia and
5 encourages the development of an improved health care system throughout the state; and

6 WHEREAS, these areas have the highest cancer and cardiovascular mortality rates and infant
7 mortality, child abuse, and teen pregnancy rates; and the growing uninsured population and
8 elderly population with multiple diseases far exceed the area's health care resources; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Rural Development Council recognized that the limited availability
10 and quality of rural health care facilities and services further aggravate the area's distressed
11 economy and deter industry recruitment; and

12 WHEREAS, state and federal officials need to focus on the plight of rural communities and
13 the need for better access to health care, work force development and training, access to
14 capital for aging health care facilities, and medical practice tort reform.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 commend the efforts of the Georgia Rural Health Association and recognize February 14,
17 2006, as Rural Health Day.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Rural Health Association.